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1. WEO GROUP MEETING AM OCT 25 HAD ON AGENDA REPORT ON PRESENT STATE OF CERDS AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ACTION. USDEL TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT ACCURATE STATEMENT OF FORD-ECHEVERRIA MEETING, AS PER REFTEL.

2. UJDEL (FREELAND) AS ACTIVE MEMBER OF LATEST CERDS INFORMAL CONSULTATION GROUP BROUGHT WEO UP TO DATE. FREELAND ALSO SUGGESTED WEO CONSIDER MAKING AN INFORMAL APPROACH TO GROUP OF 77 THROUGH MEXICO THAT THERE BE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK BEFORE COMITE 2 CONSIDERS CERDS. AS A CARROT TO GROUP OF 77, FREELAND SUGGESTED WE MIGHT OFFER TO NEGOTIATE THE CERDS TRADE PARAS, PUTTING ASIDE ONLY MOMENTARILY CERDS PARA 2

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PARA 2 WOULD NOT BE ABANDONED UNDER THIS APPROACH; WE WOULD SIMPLY BE ADMITTING THAT PARA 2 NEGOTIATION IS STAGNANT AT PRESENT, AND SUGGESTING WE LOOK MORE FULLY AT PARAS WHICH WE HAVE NOT NEGOTIATED ON SO INTENSELY. BASIC POINT IS THAT THIS WOULD ASSIST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN SHOWING GOOD FAITH WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE, AND, IN FREELAND'S WORDS. WOULD AVOID "HAPHAZARD" CONTACTS WITH GROUP OF 77 WHICH WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROVE PRODUCTIVE.

3. ISSUE ON WHETHER TO PROCEED IN MANNER PROPOSED BY FREELAND COMPLICATED BY ISSUE OF WHETHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN COMITE 2 SHOULD OPERATE UNDER UNCTAD-GROUP B UMBRELLA OR UN-WEO UMBRELLA. ONLY VIEWS ON SUBJECT WERE EXPRESSED BY NEW ZEALAND WHICH DID NOT FAVOR UNCTAD-GROUP B APPROACH AND MADE CLEAR THAT WHEN VOTE ARISES IN COMITE 2 NEW ZEALAND WILL VOTE ITS, NOT GROUPB'S, POSITION WHICH COULD WELL BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THOUGH SOME CONCERNED SUCH AN OVERTURE WOULD REQUIRE WE PRESENT GROUP OF 77 WITH A NEW TEXT. ALL AGREED WE HAD NO NEW TEXT TO TABLE, BUT RATHER WE WERE PREPARED TO TALK. ITEM CONCLUDED WITH NO RESOLUTION WHETHER MEXICO WOULD BE APPROACHED.
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